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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Congressional Request for Discussion of
Sino-Soviet-US Relations

1. I talked this afternoon with Ed Fox, a staffer for the Future Problems Subcommittee of the House International Relations Committee, on his request through OLC for Agency participation in a discussion of this subject on Thursday afternoon, 19 February.

2. The subcommittee has held four of five hearings on future trends in the triangular relationship, taking testimony from academics and former government officials. What it wants next Thursday is an informal discussion, led off by a ten-minute presentation from us, which will be off the record -- no transcript -- and executive session. It recognizes that Agency officers will discuss only Soviet and Chinese objectives and perceptions and will not be drawn into discussion of US policy.

3. I told Fox that I would be happy to do this and would bring along a Chinese specialist -- Jim Lilley, if his health recovers in time. I said that, at this stage of the DCI's tenure, I thought this session, while interesting to him, was probably not the best use of his time. But I would put the matter to Mr. Bush for his decision. Fox seemed quite satisfied with this; in fact, I got the impression that he had never hoped to catch the DCI for this. He did say that the subcommittee would very much like to hear Mr. Bush's views on China at length at a later date.

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4. The subcommittee chairman is Lester L. Wolff; members include Thomas E. Morgan, Clement J. Zablocki, Gus Yatron, J. Herbert Burke and Tennyson Guyer.


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